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Base web site now up and running

By Senior Airman Asia Grimes
Public Affairs

On Thursday, Nov. 2, Dobbins officially unveiled www.dobbins.af.mil, the base's new web site designed to provide up-to-date general information to reservists and to civilians interested in Dobbins' activities and services.

Created by the 94th Communications Flight, and maintained by Griffin Services employees, the site offers a wide range of features to appeal to both the well-versed web surfer and the novice net hunter.

"Each web site on the Internet is a little different, but our web site was designed to specifically meet the needs of Dobbins' personnel as well as the general audience," said Maj. Michael McCully, commander 94th Communications Flight. "We created it as a functional, low-level, low-security threat site to make sure anyone can use the site, without encountering secure information," he said.

The unit worked with Col. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, the wing public affairs office and Senior Master Sgt. Terry Hood to ensure the site met both Department of Defense security standards and Freedom of Information requirements.

Although DOD security requirements do restrict the contents of information available to the general population, civilians interested in Dobbins' activities have full access to the web site, where they can view photographs and access information about the base such as history, mission, leadership

information, and aircraft flown. New reservists can log on to access information on Dobbins' activities, UTA schedules, newcomers in-processing requirements, and detailed unit descriptions describing each unit's mission and current activities. The web site also provides Reservists with useful links to other Department of Defense web sites, including Naval Air Station Atlanta.

Both reservists and the general public can find valuable contact and scheduling information for base activities through other links on the new homepage including base directions, base maps, and telephone directories.

The Dobbins web site also offers a variety of functional features to make navigation easier for those who are just learning to surf the Internet. Features like a pre-



selected search engine menu (located on the home page), and graphic-interface topic buttons allow quick access to different web pages within the site.

In the future, you can expect to see the

site expand to include sections for the Consolidated Club calendar, employment listings, tenant activities (for Army, Navy, and Guard detachments) and recruitment and base event listings.

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(Photo by Rick Ross)

An ugly...but beautiful tree

By Col. Jeffrey Ippolito
94th Support Group, commnader

Growing up in small, ethnically-diverse town in western Pennsylvania provided me with a lot of opportunities to experience many types of people. Typical of many of the steel mill-dominated towns in that area, this town was home to people from many backgrounds and from all social segments; including the very wealthy and the very poor.

Every holiday season, my dad had a curious habit, that although I'm not sure where it came from, I continue it every year. Each and every year, he would not put the Christmas tree up until Christmas Eve and then the tree came down on New Year's day. In order to get a decent looking tree, we would go out and buy a tree a week or so before Christmas and it would sit on the front porch until we put it up and decorated it on Christmas Eve. One Christmas Eve, when I was eight year's old, we came home after being out for a few hours and the tree was gone. I was devastated. I couldn't believe our tree was gone. I guess that's what psychologists would call a significant emotional event in the life of an eight-year old. It seemed to me at the time that this great loss could ruin the holidays for the

whole family, but what happened next was even more significant.

My dad, who was also visibly upset over the missing tree, was able to see where the tree had been dragged through the snow, through our backyard, and into an adjoining wooded area. He started following the trail through the woods, with me right behind, trying to keep up. The trail in the snow led right to an old, run-down house, and I caught up with my dad at the front door. He knocked on the door and when the door opened, we could see our tree standing upright in the middle of the front room. There were a few small children and a mother and father in the room also. I thought for sure my dad had saved the day and we would be taking the tree home with us, but that didn't happen. Although I didn't understand what was happening at the time, when I look back on this event, what my dad did was something I'll never forget. He simply introduced himself to the father of the house, told him where we lived, wished him a Merry Christmas, and told him if they ever needed anything don't hesitate to ask.

When we left the house I couldn't believe we were going home without the tree. I kept asking questions like "why didn't we take our tree?" and probably the most bothersome question for me at the time, "where are we going to find another tree on Christmas Eve?". My dad calmly said that we could find another tree. I also remember him explaining to me that although stealing wasn't right, the family we had just seen needed a Christmas tree a lot more than we did, and we ought to look at the tree as our Christmas present to them. I can still remember going out to find a new tree that Christmas Eve and even to this day, I remember what that ugly tree looked like.

Every Christmas Eve, when I'm putting up the Christmas tree, I can't help but think about that experience when I was eight years old. I also try to think if I've done anything to help others during the holidays. It doesn't take much effort to make the holiday season a little better for someone less fortunate than ourselves. I hope each of you have a very happy holiday season, and I sincerely hope you take the time, even a small amount of time, to help someone in need.



Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
94th Public Affairs superintendent

I've always asked the new presidents of the Dobbins Chiefs Group to write something for the paper, so I won't hide from that duty. But, it feels strange putting my signature on an editorial that as part of my weekend duty I normally rope others into doing.

I always preach to our guest editorialists that you gotta have a theme, so here's mine - Life never looked better for the enlisted people at Dobbins.

And to support my theme - another basic writing need - I'm going to talk about the Dobbins enlisted groups who are bringing more credibility to our enlisted ranks, raising our enlisted standards, and setting expectations higher than ever for those coming into the senior NCO ranks at Dobbins.

I'm not an ol' timer around here, but I've seen a change in our enlisted direction since I came over from the Army in 1991. One of the reasons for that change is the Dobbins Chiefs Group. Chiefs such as Greg Gamble and Linda Erserly, among others, founded the group in the mid-90s. Those chiefs cared enough to devote extra time to better the quality of life for our enlisted people. This included recognizing others' accomplishments, contributing to needy families and providing an outlet for traditional military activities, such as Dining-Ins.

Then, as now, chiefs have always pulled base enlisted activities together. And, you know what? It's getting better. The Chiefs Group has grown in the past several years with more active members than ever before from 22nd Air Force and the 94th Airlift Wing. They are willing to dig a little deeper and work a little harder, just like our group founders, to make a difference.

And speaking of making a difference, two other groups are bringing about positive change for our enlisted airmen. Last year when I saw 40 to 50 senior NCOs standing in line to join the Dobbins Top Three at its first official meeting, I was inspired and impressed. The Top Three represents the top-three enlisted ranks - master sergeant, senior master sergeant, and chief master sergeant. It's a lot of people with a lot of rank that can affect day-to-day decisions at Dobbins and now they have one voice.

I talked with retired Chief Jim Godwin, a former Senior Enlisted Advisor with the 94th, a couple of months ago and he said they tried, but never got a Top Three off the ground at Dobbins. Needless to say, he too was impressed with the progress of this group. They're rolling now, and I think the Top Three will be one of the most viable and effective enlisted organizations we have battling for us. I'm really proud to be a member and look forward to each meeting.

Along with the Top Three is the First Sergeants Association. Formed several years ago, no group is better attuned to the overall needs of our enlisted force than our "First Shirts." Members of this group are devoted to the cause of promoting morale, education, and communications among our enlisted people. It's a pretty elite group. When I need help or support, I go to them.

Finally, and he's not a group, but if you've met him, I think you'll agree, we've got a sincere and active proponent for our enlisted needs in Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim Woods. Hired on in May, he's brought a fresh outlook on where we're headed and has instilled an enlisted pride within us just by his enthusiasm. As a chief, I'm glad he's in my corner.

If I haven't put you to sleep by now, then maybe I have one more chance of getting my point across. The combination of enlisted groups at Dobbins today is awesome. We communicate, we work together, we share our resources and skills, and we make things happen. If you are a senior NCO, I encourage you to be active in these groups so you too can help make life better.

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Operations Support Flight picks up new AETC mission

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis,
Public Affairs

To better support Air Education and Training Command training needs for the C-130 “schoolhouse,” a new section has been created in the 94th Operations Support Flight. The 94th Aerial Delivery Flight was established to directly support the 94th Airlift Wing’s new training mission.

The new mission does not change the operations of the remaining OSF sections. The Base Operations section will continue to provide weather and flight data for student pilots. This is in addition to their daily operations and assistance to Dobbins air traffic.

The Intelligence section will continue to provide the school with operational security scenarios as well as maintain the real-world security briefings for Dobbins ARB. Both sections provide data to the Current Operations and Tactics sections that also support the training mission.

According to Master Sgt. Mike McDonald, 94th ADF aerial delivery supervisor, the new unit stems from school requirements that would not be met if the 80th Aerial Port Squadron was mobilized or moved.

“The 80th APS is a mobility unit,” said McDonald. “If they were called up, their people with aerial delivery system skills would be gone. Our new group addresses that concern with permanently assigned personnel.” As the new team is staffing up, McDonald points out that they are still relying heavily on their counterparts in the 80th APS to meet mission requirements. When the new flight is fully staffed it will

have 11 full-time air reserve technicians - two loadmasters and nine riggers.

One of the first members of the ADF was Staff Sgt. Scott Pelley, air transportation specialist, who packs and rigs parachutes and builds pallets to drop various size loads used in the training programs. The job doesn’t end there Pelley says. The team places the load on skid boards or platforms, used for unilateral airdrop training.

“I enjoy this job,” said Pelley. “It’s something different everyday, but I especially like the interaction between us and the flight crews. We want to help them do their jobs better and improve their training opportunities so we talk with them often.”

The ADF team travels to Ft. Gordon, Ga., near Augusta, several times a week to pick up air-dropped cargo that might include heavy loads or 55-gallon water barrels used in high velocity drops. Then the cycle begins again as they rebuild loads for the next drop.

“Our new flight will bring a higher level of support for the school’s training needs,” added McDonald. “This mission was an additional duty for people in the 80th who possessed aerial delivery skills. Not that they didn’t do it right, but our group works only as an aerial delivery team, meaning that’s our only job and we’re dedicated to it. Everything we do is to enhance the 94th Airlift Wing schoolhouse training mission.”

Along with supporting the training mission, McDonald says the ADF also helps the 700th Airlift Squadron meet currency training for its aircrews. Currently, the new flight has filled five of its 11 positions.



Staff Sgt. Scott Pelley, 94th Aerial Delivery Flight air transportation specialist, straightens a parachute that will be used in training aircrews. Pelley is one of the first five members of the new flight created to provide permanent support for the 94th Airlift Wing's training mission. (Photo by Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis)

Community College of the Air Force - master sergeant achieves degree

By Tech. Sgt. Stan Coleman,
Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Matthew A. Priser, a flight engineer with the 700th Airlift Squadron, loves to fly, loves his family and loves challenges. So between his military, civilian, and family duties he found the time to complete his Community College of the Air Force degree requirements and achieve an Associate Applied Science degree in Aviation Operations.

While Priser finished the requirements for his degree in February, he was officially awarded the degree during the 94th Airlift Wing commander’s call in November.

“This degree was a long time in coming,” said Priser. “In addition to attending Georgia Tech full time as far back as 1991, I used the College-Level Examination Program to gain course credits. I also enrolled in NCO academy courses and followed up to ensure the training I received would count as accredited instruction. Needless to say, I was in constant contact with our Education Office during the last 10 years.”

Priser views his accomplishment with the Community College of the Air Force as part of the big picture. He ultimately wants to achieve a four-year degree. In addition to his academic studies, Priser is loadmaster instructor for Lockheed-Martin. He is also raising two sons while helping to support his older daughter through college.

“My Reserve and civilian jobs take me away from home a lot,” said Priser. “I appreciate the flexibility of my unit to allow me to reschedule my UTA because of my civilian job requirements. I’ve spent four of the last eight months away from home on assignment for my civilian employer. It’s great coming back home to family and the accomplishment of earning a degree in relationship to the military and the work I love.”



Along with the challenges of balancing family, civilian job and military duties, Master Sgt. Matthew A. Priser achieved an Associate Applied Science degree in Aviation Operations. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Stan Coleman)

Commander's Call recognizes Community College of the Air Force graduates

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the Community College of the Air Force who were recognized during the November commander’s call. The graduates are

Tech. Sgt. Angela C. Ferguson — awarded a diploma for the Logistics specialty field; Tech. Sgt. Kay L. Lester — awarded a diploma for Information Management; Tech. Sgt. Victor H. Choates — awarded a diploma for Transportation; Staff Sgt. Suzanne M. Bailey (recently commissioned as an officer in the Reserve) — awarded a diploma for Mechanical & Electrical Technology; Staff Sgt. Andre L. McElvey — awarded a diploma for Electronic Systems Technology; and Master Sgt. Bradley J. McKinney — awarded a diploma for Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

The Community College of the Air Force is a 2-year degree granting institution that offers certificates and Associate degrees in Applied Sciences upon successful completion of a study program in an Air Force specialty. It is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information regarding the CCAF, contact the Education Office at (770) 919-5001/3834. The toll free number is (888) 436-2246, ext. 95001 or 93834.

The Community College of the Air Force website is <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/>.

Herk Wonders



What was your biggest accomplishment in 2000?

“Meeting the requirements to be promoted to master sergeant.”

Master Sgt. Delander Nelson, 94th Logistics Squadron, fuels supervisor

“I got a job promotion and a subsequent increase in funds.”

Staff Sgt. Alrice Nunerly, 94th Logistics Squadron, vehicle maintenance supervisor

“I successfully finished the NCO Academy correspondence course six.”

Tech. Sgt. Arthur Nelson, 94th Logistics Support Squadron, vehicle mechanic supervisor

“I joined the Greenville, South Carolina Police Department S.W.A.T. Team.”

Airman 1st Class Jamie Weaver, 94th Services Squadron

“I got married to my husband, Damon Nesbitt, and I got 2 promotions.”

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Wells-Nesbitt, 94th Services Squadron

“My greatest accomplishment was achieving all the goals I set out to, with God’s help.”

Master Sgt. Ronald Henderson, 94th Civil Engineering Squadron

“Completing the Senior NCO Academy Correspondence course 0008 was a big accomplishment.”

Master Sgt. Terry Studstill, 700th Airlift Squadron, flight engineer instructor

“My greatest accomplishment this year was giving birth to my new son, McGuire.”

Tech. Sgt. Shelley Haney, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

December UTA Schedule

*This schedule is subject to change

Saturday, Dec. 2

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800	ANNUAL FITNESS WALK	FLIGHTLINE
0800-0900	HEARING CONSERV (REFRESHER)	BLDG 922/CONF RM
0800-1400	UNIT DEPLYMENT MGRS TNG (XP)	BLDG 838/TNET ROOM
0900-1000	HEARING CONSERV (INITIAL)	BLDG 922/CONF RM
0900-1100	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1000-1100	HRDC MTG (CV)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	PCIII WORKERS GP (OCT/JAN/APR/JUL)	BLDG 827/RM 208B
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	94SFS/BLDG 838
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG	BLDG 838/ WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94AW	BLDG 922/FRONT
1700-1800	DINNER (SVF)	VERHULST HALL
	AS REQUIRED SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

Sunday, Dec. 3

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0800-1100	NBCWD TNG (INITIAL)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0830	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	BLDG 550/RM 201
0900-1000	CHIEFS GROUP MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1200-1500	LOGMOD TG TNG (XP)	BLDG 827/2ND FL
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1600	MEO EO-2000 TRAINING (SA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/ 2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	NEWCOMERS MTG (94AW/CC) (MAR/JUN/SEP/JAN01)	CONSOL OPEN MESS (COM)
1545-1630	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

Small soldiers

*By Airman 1st Class David Atchison,
Public Affairs*

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Singletary is building a small Army. Literally. Since 1996, Singletary, 94th Maintenance Squadron, has been collecting one-sixth scale models of military persons. One-sixth scale models is a term collectors use to refer to models of people and equipment that are one-sixth the size of actual persons and objects.

“I started collecting them as a kid. My father was a Marine and worked with the Toys for Tots charity,” said Singletary. “They would only accept toys that were new and packaged so they let my father bring home the figures in damaged boxes. As a child I had a dozen.” In 1996 his wife bought him a new release of the figures from his youth, and he’s been collecting them ever since.

“I have 30 boxed figures and a bunch on display,” said Singletary. “The most prized figure in my collection is a Golden Knight parachutist that was autographed by all 12 members of the Golden Knights’ Gold Team. It cost me \$140, but it’s priceless. You can’t put a price on something like that. Autographing the box made the team feel appreciated and was exciting for me.” The figures he displays are used in dioramas, which are scaled-down replicas of historical scenes or movie scenes.

Singletary’s favorite diorama depicts four American soldiers in a World War II German countryside as they are standing their ground against a German tank. The diorama, along with his other dioramas, is displayed at his wife’s store, Dolls Kollekt, Ltd. The store specializes in one-sixth scale models and dolls for serious collectors.

“Part of the fun for me is collecting them, but I also like to customize them,” said Singletary. He customizes the figures to resemble military persons and units. He makes unit patches and rank for service members too.

“You can get creative with it,” he continued. “I scan patches in to the computer and shrink them. After that, I cut them out and glue them to the uniform. The detail is what I like. The equipment is so intricate with its size. You really get an appreciation for the craftsmanship needed to put these things together when you customize them.”

Like father like son - Singletary’s two boys Anthony, 5, and Thomas, 14, are collecting too. “They have their own little collections started and one day maybe they’ll have as many as me,” he added.



A young Singletary receives his first figure, a Marine, at age six.



Above: Years later Singletary proudly displays his 94th Maintenance Squadron figure. (Photo by Airman 1st Class David Atchison)

Left: Check out the authentic micro unit patches and weathered BDUs. (Photo by Airman 1st Class David Atchison)

AFRCs Department of Defense firefighter of the year

*By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs*

It is 2 a.m. and a deafening silence is broken when the maddening clamor of the bell roars out of control. Awakened by the bell, a small group of devoted people calmly rushed to gather their equipment, jumped into their vehicle, and raced down the road to get to their destination before it was too late. Every minute, every second lost could mean the loss of human life. This is a typical day for a firefighter. David S. Bible is one of these people who risk their lives everyday so that someone else may have a chance to live.

Recently David was awarded AFRCs Department of Defense Civilian Firefighter of the Year. Bible is a firefighter at Dobbins and a volunteer at the Roswell fire department

in his spare time. Bible has been a firefighter since 1984 and has had a passion for the profession since he was a child.

“I have always had an interest in the firefighter profession,” said Bible. “I love helping people, and the teamwork that is involved in saving lives is extraordinary.”

Bible joined the Air Force to become a firefighter. Unfortunately, there were no available positions so he trained in aircraft maintenance.

“When I trained as an aircraft maintenance person I was given a vast knowledge of the aircraft,” said Bible. “This knowledge provides an extra edge for me today as a firefighter here at Dobbins. I really have the best of both worlds. I have always loved being around aircraft and I have always loved being a firefighter.”

There is no other job in the world Bible would rather do. He is 100 percent devoted to his fellow firefighters that he considers family.

“Firefighters across the nation are one big family,” said Bible. “When firefighters are down on their luck and away from their homes they can always count on the firefighters in that area to help them out. We care about each other. We may not know every firefighter across the nation personally, but we do know we are part of a very special family.”

“This job requires teamwork,” said Bible. “Nobody can do this job by them self. I did not receive this award for myself. I accepted the award for everyone I work with. I feel as though I was the representative for our team, which won the award.”



David S. Bible won AFRCs Department of Defense Civilian Firefighter of the Year award. Bible is a firefighter at Dobbins and a volunteer at the Roswell fire department in his spare time.

New Year's Eve

The Consolidated Club will once again host its annual New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m., Dec. 5 for \$35 per person. The ticket price includes your choice of chateau briand or potato crusted salmon with all the trimmings. Also included is a split of Champagne to be served at 11:45 p.m. and breakfast will be served at 12:30 a.m. Party hats, favors, and decorations are also included. The entertainment for the celebration will be Marque Cooper.

A lodging representative will be on hand during ticket sales if you would like to make a lodging reservation. A non-refundable payment is necessary at the time of reservations. Please be aware these are space available reservations and are subject to change due to military requirements.

Family Readiness

Family Readiness continues to visit units to conduct classes to assist members with their personal readiness plan. Family members should always know where significant documents are located, such as wills and powers of attorney, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates and bank account numbers.

If you are interested in volunteering to join a unit Family Support Group (FSG), please contact Family Readiness. The FSGs will assist at the time of mobilizations, deployments and disasters. During the December UTA, Family Readiness will be meeting with the 94th Security Forces Squadron FSG. Each month, Family Readiness will meet with a different unit's FSG.

For more information, contact J. Ealy

Ritter at (770) 919-5004. If out of the Atlanta area, call toll free (888) 436-2246, Ext. 9-5004.

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GLOWMOBILE schedule

The Georgia License on Wheels (GLOWMOBILE) will be in the Base Exchange parking lot, Building 530, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001; Thursday, May 3, 2001; Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001; and Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001.

This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Bobby Price at (770) 919-4830.

The military salute (Part 2)

By Capt. Mary Harp
Protocol Officer

This is the concluding article about the military courtesy of saluting. This article includes information about saluting on the flightline, exceptions to saluting and reporting to a senior officer indoors.

Courtesies to Reveille, Retreat, To the Colors, or the National Anthem

Reveille, Retreat and To the Colors are bugle calls which usually announce scheduled events at a military installation. Reveille signals the first military formation of the day. Reveille is also used to accompany the raising of the national colors.

Retreat is the signal given by bugle at the beginning of a military flag-lowering ceremony. To the Colors is a bugle call to render honors to the nation.

When these bugle calls are sounded and you are outdoors and in uniform, face the flag, if visible, or face the music. Stand at attention and salute on the first note of the music or if there is no music, salute when the flag has been fully raised or lowered, depending on the ceremony. During the playing of Sound Retreat, which precedes the lowering of the flag, stand at parade rest. If you're in a vehicle during Reveille or Retreat, pull the car to the side of the road and stop. All occupants should sit at attention until the last note of the music is played.

If you are in civilian clothes and outdoors during Reveille, Retreat, and To the Colors, stand at attention and place your right hand (with your hat if you're wearing one) over your heart.

The salute is also rendered outdoors during the passing of the uncased Colors, the playing of Ruffles and Flourishes, Hail to the Chief, To the Colors and the national anthem of any nation.

During the National Anthem or To the Colors, if you are indoors, face the flag, or the music if the flag is not visible, and stand at attention. Do not place your hand over your heart. There are two exceptions. If you are in uniform and under arms, you should salute. The other rule is when you're a spectator in uniform at a military ceremony inside where "outdoor" rules apply, you should salute.

Courtesies are not rendered to the National Anthem or

To the Colors when the ceremonies are broadcasted remotely by radio or television.

If the flag is raised or lowered for any reason, such as maintenance or adverse weather, you should stop and salute while it is moving up or down the pole.

Courtesies to the Air Force Song

When outdoors, stand or march at the position of attention from the first to the last note of the music. Do no salute. The same courtesy is rendered to other U.S. military service songs.

On the flightline

Requirements for saluting may differ according to the command and operational activity. Members of a formal greeting party always salute the arrival and departure of an aircraft carrying a distinguished visitor and displaying the appropriate general officer or positional flag or plate.

Other guidelines are:

- * Saluting is normally required around the Base Operations building, the passenger terminal, and similar locations.

- * Saluting is not normally required in aircraft parking areas, aircraft maintenance areas, aircraft static displays, or an aircraft alert hangar area.

- * Regardless of the location on a flightline, if the situation in your judgement appears convenient for you and the senior officer, you should salute. It's an expected courtesy.

- * The old saying is "When in doubt, salute!"

Saluting when with an officer and a second officer approaches

When you're in the company of a senior officer and a more senior officer approaches, you should tactfully ensure the officer you're accompanying is aware of the senior's approach. You should salute at the same time the officer you're accompanying salutes.

If a junior rank approaches, while you're with a senior officer, salute at the same time as the senior, and hold your salute until after the senior has dropped his. You should drop your salute after the junior if he or she is the same rank as you. If the senior is unaware of the junior's salute, do not interrupt by rendering your salute to the junior.

Military Funeral

Salute the caisson or hearse as it passes and the casket as it is carried by your position. You should also salute during the firing of volleys and the playing of Taps.

Double Time or Jogging

When jogging, slow your pace to quick-time, render

the salute, and resume jogging. If overtaking a senior officer, slow to a normal pace and overtake the officer on his left. A suggested practice used by the Navy and the Air Force Academy is the announcement "By you leave, Sir" and render the salute. The senior officer should acknowledge your request with "Carry on" and render a return salute.

Resume your pace after the exchange of salutes.

Reporting to a senior officer

The salute is not used as a greeting indoors. It is used when reporting to a senior officer, and again when leaving. Ask for permission to enter, walk within two paces of the officer or desk, halt, salute, and report. Hold the salute until it is returned.

Headgear should not be worn inside unless under arms.

If the report is brief, and the only conversation between you and the senior is acknowledgement of the report, you should salute only once. If there is prolonged conversation, prior to leaving you should take one step back and render you salute. Do an about face and leave in a military manner.

If you are armed with a rifle, enter the senior's presence at trail arms, halt, and render your report while saluting at order arms.

Exceptions to saluting

If your arms are full, you are not required to initiate or return a salute. But you should give or respond to a verbal greeting. Do attempt to carry objects in your left arm to keep your right hand free for the salute if possible.

You should always salute a senior officer if he or she have their arms full even though they are unable to return the salute.

Other situations where saluting is not required include:

- * Any time the salute is obviously impractical or will interfere with the performance of official duties.

- * Indoors, when a senior enters your office, but you would stand.

- * When in formation. If at ease in formation, come to attention when addressed by the senior officer.

- * Working as a member of a detail or engaged in sports or social functions.

- * When you are a spectator at a sports event. Come to attention if spoken to by a senior officer.

- * When you are the driver of a moving vehicle. When practical return the salute of others.

More information on the salute and customs and courtesies are found at the Eglin Air Force Base website (<http://www.eglin.af.mil/>). After accessing the website, enter customs and courtesies in the search box.

Balance is the key

By Staff Sgt. Houston Gilliland, Jr.
94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Balance is the key to healthier living. It's not good to consume too much of any one food. Rather, it is best to cut back or eliminate foods/beverages that are not good for you and gradually substitute them with healthy ones.

Most people cannot sustain an overnight change in their diet. That's why many fad diets come and go.

Instead of drinking four cups of coffee in the morning, trade one of those cups for a glass of tomato juice. Rather than pouring milk on your sugarcoated cereal, consider trying vanilla-flavored soymilk on a bowl of oat cereal. Or, replace a strawberry milkshake with a fresh fruit smoothie.

In addition, it's important to balance healthy eating with moderate exercise, plenty of sleep, and stress-reducing activities.

Take it step-by-step and you'll start to notice the difference. Your waistline will start to shrink. You'll feel more awake, less stressed out and simply more alive. That's what it's all about.

Lights of Life to illuminate night sky

Millions of Christmas lights will set the holiday season aglow at Life University's campus through Dec. 31.

Children are invited to meet Santa Claus on Friday and Saturday nights at Life's 19th Century Historic Village from 6 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 15 and 16.

From 6 p.m. to midnight, this free light extravaganza will adorn the 1.7-mile tour through Life's wooded campus on Barclay Circle. This display is the largest free holiday light presentation in Georgia.

Visitors can reach Life University by taking I-75 to Exit 261 (Dobbins Air Reserve Base/Delk Road), proceed west 1.5 miles and exit right onto Highway 41 (Cobb Parkway). Go to the next light and then turn left onto Barclay Circle at the Waffle House.

For more information, call the Lights of Life Automated Infoline at (770) 794-3010.

Newly Assigned

Maj. Nevenka Metikos
Capt. Judah Bradley
Capt. Edrick J. Ferguson
Capt. Paul L. Harvey
Capt. David A. Scott
Senior Master Sgt. David A. Holman
Master Sgt. James R. Garrett
Master Sgt. Diane Mahoney
Master Sgt. Anthony N. Rosh
Tech. Sgt. David L. Conklin
Tech. Sgt. David Eisenhauer
Tech. Sgt. Richard L. Grietentrog
Tech. Sgt. James Lewis
Tech. Sgt. Anthony D. Parker
Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Hutchinson
Staff Sgt. Mickey L. Smith
Staff Sgt. Kimberly Wells
Senior Airman Michelle Crumpton
Senior Airman Zandra Y. Hayes
Senior Airman Renardo A. Lee
Senior Airman Cynthia Owens
Senior Airman Clarence L. Ray
Senior Airman Christopher Tinson
Airman 1st Class James Hillman
Airman 1st Class Alycia J. Jackson
Airman 1st Class Corliss S. Sims
Airman 1st Class Robin E. Williams

Chester F. England
Robert T. Greenwald
Mitchell B. Hendrix
George D. King
Roderick W. Langley
Jinjura J. Lynch
Barbara Martynski
Michael G. McDonald
Margaret McGraw
Gerald K. McKnight
Pattie L. Miller
Kevin B. Pearson
Dundra S. Royall
Ernest W. Sanders
Karen R. Smith
To Tech. Sgt.
Duane S. Augustson
Hugh K. Brown
Warren A. Calloway
Wendy L. Giles
Donovan R. Hagues
Curtis O. Horton
Daniel M. Jennings
Theodore J. Reitano
Michelle R. Salgado
Pamela L. Vereen
To Staff Sgt.
William L. Giles
Khoa D. Nottis
Darren D. Rayborn
Roderick E. Redmon
Quovadas S. Tyson
To Senior Airman
Terrance V. James
Lorenzo L. Manuel
Elizabeth G. Morin
Matthew A. Prater
Tammie N. Shelton
To Airman 1st Class
Latasha M. Brownlee
Tangia R. O'Neal

Promotions

To Chief Master Sgt.
Gary A. Ask
To Senior Master Sgt.
Shawn K. Davis
To Master Sgt.
Roger C. Barnes
Mark A. Bonner
Yolanda A. Brack
Stanley L. Coleman

Dobbins Chiefs Group welcomes new member



Chief Master Sgt. Gary Ask, 22nd Air Force aircraft maintenance manager, received his new rank last month. Pinning Ask are Col. Elizabeth Grote, 22nd AF Logistics, maintenance chief, and his wife Pamela. Ask's parents Charles (shown) and Norma Graybill also attended the ceremony. (Photo by Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis)

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Timothy M. Broughton

A tourist on a journey often finds that the way is not always straight, nor smooth. Rather it is sometimes filled with potholes, ditches and detours that often impede progress and disrupt plans. The detours can also be irritating. They are not always fair or even just, but their existence cannot be denied. And so it is with life.

Life really does have detours. One rarely reaches a dream or goal without diversion. Demotion often replaces promotion. There are even times when people will be jealous, times when we are falsely accused, and times when the innocent suffer unjustly. Some years ago a man who was running for the office of bishop of his denomination suffered a great detour. As the election grew closer, the polls showed that he would easily win the race. However, his opponents began spreading false rumors that attacked his moral character. The untruths spread rapidly

and soon his supporters and close friends deserted him. In the end, he lost the election, and only his family remained by his side. That man was Charles Albert Tindley who composed Stand By Me, one of the most popular hymns of the twentieth century. The song is an illustration of how adversity in one's life can be transformed into hope.

We can take much from how Tindley handled his situation. Thus, his life certainly represents one of great courage and faith. What I find most compelling, though, was his persistence. Instead of giving up, he dug down deep and stayed the course. How many times have we met a detour in life and wanted to give up? It could have been a difficult marriage or a challenging relationship with a son or daughter or the loss of a friend. There is no shame, however, in getting knocked down by the conditions in life. Rather staying down when we are capable of getting up leads to disappointment. If we look hard enough, detours often present us with numerous opportunities. The tragedy of life is not when we fail. Rather it is when we fail to try.

Top-Three inducts 53, plans PME study, and considers sidewalk project

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis, Public Affairs

If you're a master sergeant or above and missed the Dobbins Top-Three meeting last month, you either missed your induction ceremony or one of your friends entering the senior-enlisted ranks. Highlighting the November meeting was the induction of 53 new master sergeants.

Opening the meeting with a moving tribute to sailors from the USS Cole, members of the Top Three reached out to share in the loss of fellow servicemembers.

Command Master Chief John McGee from Naval Air Station Atlanta, along with a number of Navy personnel, attended the meeting and accepted a folded flag from the 94th Airlift Wing Base Honor Guard. The flag had been folded, with each fold in honor of several USS Cole victims. Master Sgt. Denise White with the Honor Guard explained the reason for each fold as McGee read the names.

Introduced by Master Sgt. Robbie Walter, Mission Support Squadron, the 53 inductees were given their oath by Col. William Kane, 94th AW commander. Walter was inducted at the last Top-Three meeting and provided the group with his insight about putting on the master sergeant stripe.

The meeting included a report from Master Sgt. Calvin Stephens, 622nd Regional Support Group, concerning the needs for a Professional Military Education requirements study at Dobbins ARB. Stevens is the chairperson of the Senior NCO Leadership Seminar Committee and will head up a survey to help determine training needs for members of the Dobbins Top Three. The survey will be conducted in the next several months.

A committee was also formed to look into the feasibility of sidewalk construction in certain areas around the base. With support and contacts from the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Terry Hood, 94th Communications Flight, is chairing the committee.

The Dobbins Top Three meets once a quarter and provides a forum for senior enlisted personnel to raise issues and share ideas.



Left: The line of new master sergeants wrapped around two walls of the Georgia Air Guard Auditorium during the November UTA, as they recited an oath issued by Col. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander.

Above: Kane also presented each new Top-Three inductee with a certificate, including Master Sgt. Ronald Little. (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Photos of the USS Cole victims are displayed as the 94th Airlift Wing Base Honor Guard folds a flag in tribute to their sacrifices. Folding the flag are Tech. Sgt. Danny Wilson (left) and Staff Sgt. Xavier Sanford (right). (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Left: Navy Command Master Chief John McGee accepts the flag from Staff Sgt. Xavier Sanford of the 94th Airlift Wing Base Honor Guard. Above: McGee salutes his fallen comrades. The ceremony brought attention to the togetherness of the Armed Forces at Dobbins and around the world. (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)